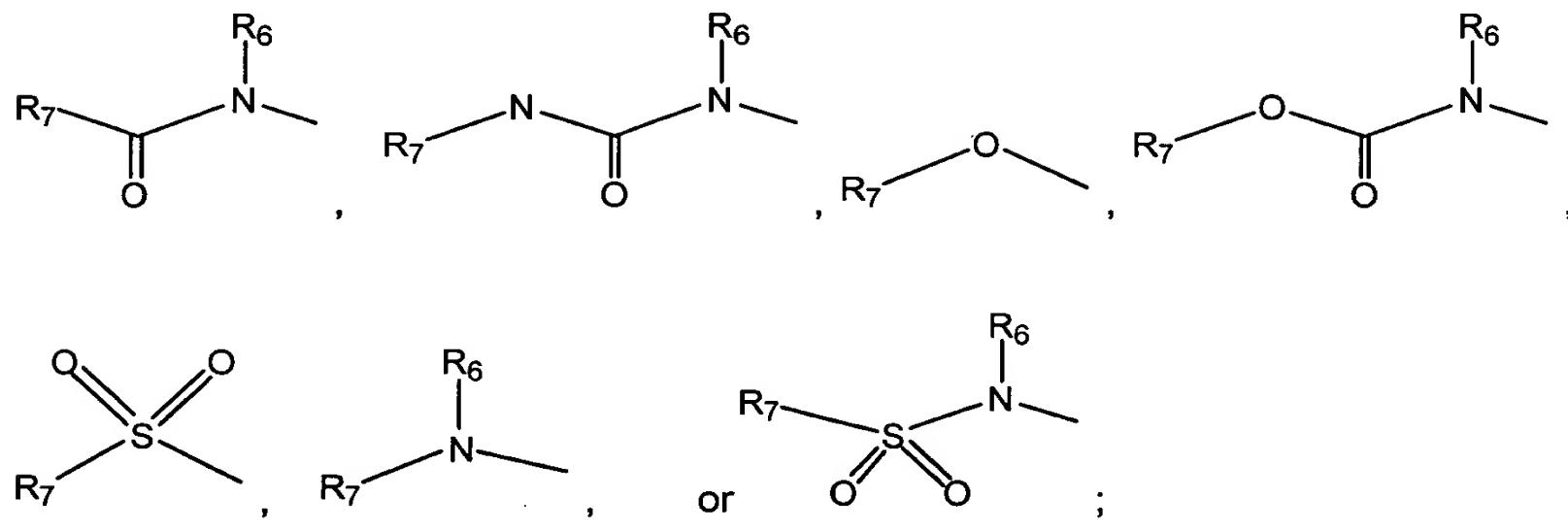


optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, -CF₃, or -OH;
or a moiety of the formulae:



R₆ is selected from H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -C(O)CH₃, phenyl, -O-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, -CF₃, or -OH;

R₇ is selected from -(CH₂)_n-COOH, -(CH₂)_n-N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -(CH₂)_n-NH-(C₁-C₆ alkyl), -CF₃, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₅ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -NH-(C₁-C₆ alkyl), -N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, pyridinyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, quinolyl, (CH₂)_nphenyl, phenyl-O-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, adamantyl, or morpholinyl, -(CH₂)_n-phenyl-O-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-phenyl-CH₂-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-O-phenyl-CH₂-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-phenyl-(O-CH₂-phenyl)₂, the rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -NH₂, -NO₂, -CF₃, CO₂H, or -OH;

R₂ is selected from H, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, -C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -CHO, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NH-C₁-C₆ alkyl, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N-SO₂-C₁-C₆ alkyl, or -SO₂-C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R₃ is selected from H, -CF₃, C₁-C₆ lower alkyl, C₁-C₆ lower alkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, -C₁-C₆ alkyl, -C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, -CHO, halogen, (CH₂)_nC(O)NH₂ or a moiety of the formula -L¹-M¹:

L¹ indicates a linking or bridging group of the formulae -(CH₂)_n-, -S-, -O-,

-C(O)-, -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-, -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-O-(CH₂)_n-, or -(CH₂)_n-S-(CH₂)_n-, C(O)C(O)X, -(CH₂)_n-N-(CH₂)_n;

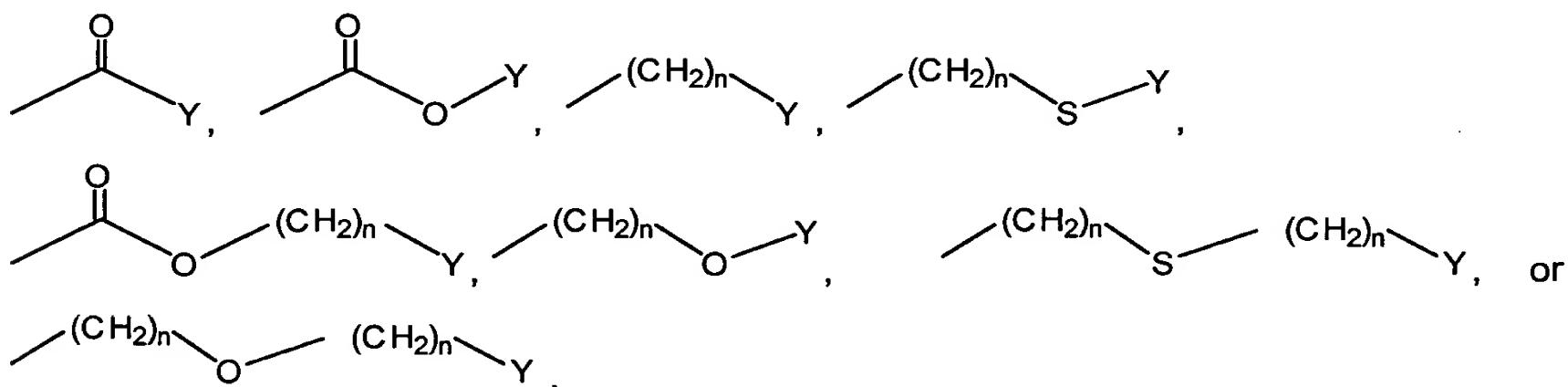
M¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

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- a) H, C₁-C₆ lower alkyl, C₁-C₆ lower alkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, phenyl, and benzyl, the cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl rings being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, and -CF₃, with the proviso that M¹ cannot be H when L¹ is -O-;
- b) a six-membered heterocyclic ring containing one, two or three ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the six-membered heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -CHO, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, -CF₃ or -OH; and
- c) a bicyclic ring moiety containing from 8 to 10 ring atoms and optionally containing from 1 to 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the bicyclic ring moiety being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -CHO, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, -CF₃ or -OH;

R₄ is selected from the group of C₁-C₆ lower alkyl, C₁-C₆ lower alkoxy, -(CH₂)_n-C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_n-S-(CH₂)_n-C₃-C₅ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_n-O-(CH₂)_n-C₃-C₅ cycloalkyl, or the groups of:

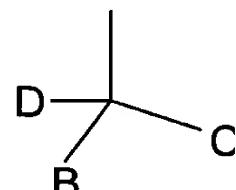
- a) -(CH₂)_n-phenyl-O-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-phenyl-CH₂-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-O-phenyl-CH₂-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-phenyl-(O-CH₂-phenyl)₂, or a moiety of the formulae:



wherein n is independently selected in each appearance as an integer from 0 to 3, Y is C₃-C₅ cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, napthyl, pyridinyl, quinolyl, furyl, thieryl or pyrrolyl; rings of these

groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from H, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, -C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -NH₂, -NO₂ or a five membered heterocyclic ring containing one heteroatom selected from N, S, or O; or

b) a moiety of the formulae -(CH₂)_n-A, -(CH₂)_n-S-A, or -(CH₂)_n-O-A, wherein A is the moiety:

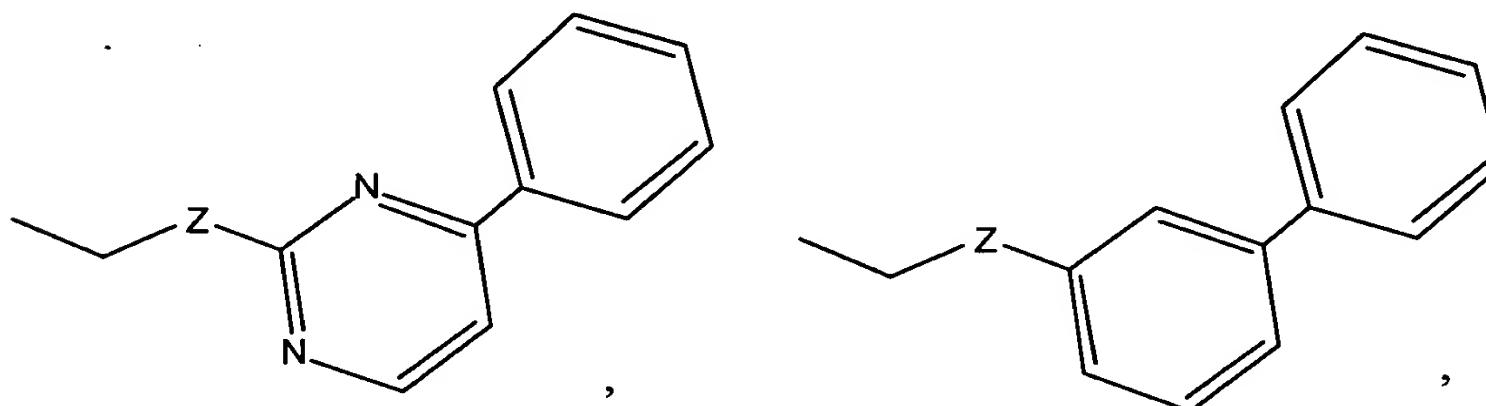


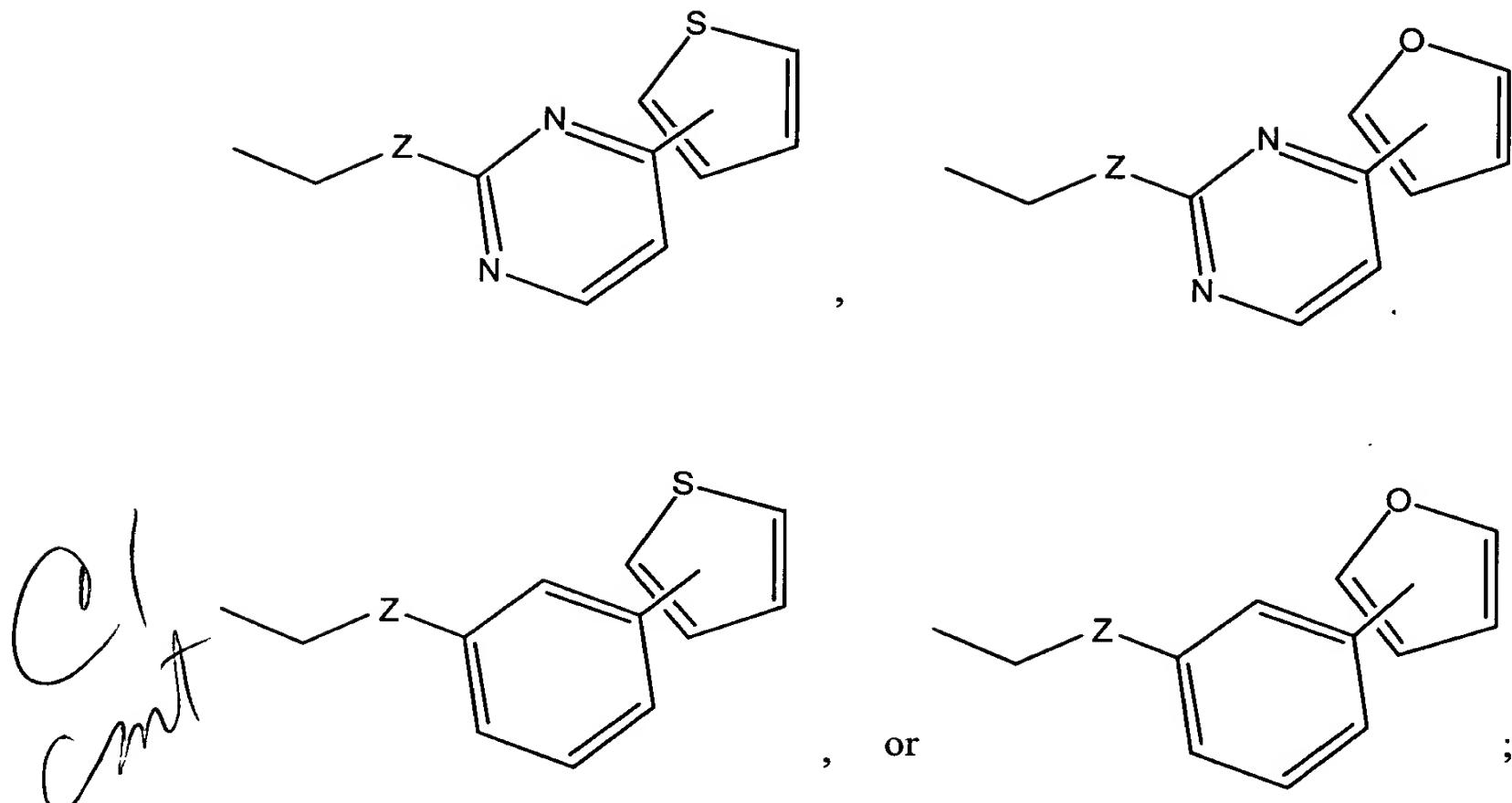
wherein

D is H, C₁-C₆ lower alkyl, C₁-C₆ lower alkoxy, or -CF₃;

B and C are independently selected from phenyl, pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrrolyl groups, each optionally substituted by from 1 to 3, substituents selected from H, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, -C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or -NO₂; or

c) a moiety of the formulae:





wherein Z is O or S and the phenyl and pyrimidinyl rings of each moiety are optionally and independently substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, -CF₃, -OH, -C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, -NH₂, or -NO₂; or

d) a moiety of the formula -L²-M², wherein:

L² indicates a linking or bridging group of the formulae -(CH₂)_n-, -S-, -O-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-, -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-, -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-O-(CH₂)_n-, or -(CH₂)_n-S-(CH₂)_n-, -C(O)C(O)X;

where X = O, N

M² is selected from the group of C₁-C₆ lower alkyl, C₁-C₆ lower alkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, the cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl rings being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, or -CF₃; or

i) a five-membered heterocyclic ring containing one or two ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the five-membered heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, or -CF₃; or

ii) a six-membered heterocyclic ring containing one, two or three ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the six-membered heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -CHO, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, -CF₃ or -OH; or

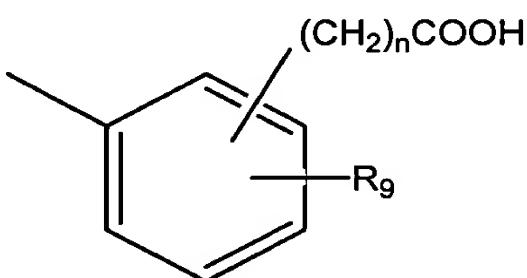
iii) a bicyclic ring moiety containing from 8 to 10 ring atoms and optionally containing from 1 to 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the bicyclic ring moiety being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₁₀ alkoxy, -CHO, -NO₂, -NH₂, -CN, -CF₃ or -OH;

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n is an integer from 0 to 3;

R₅ is a moiety selected from the formulae -L³-M³

wherein L³ is a bridging or linking moiety selected from a chemical bond, -(CH₂)_n-, -S-, -O-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-, -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-, -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-O-(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-S-(CH₂)_n-, -C(Z)-N(R₆)-, -C(Z)-N(R₆)-(CH₂)_n-, -C(O)-C(Z)-N(R₆)-, -C(O)-C(Z)-N(R₆)-(CH₂)_n-, -C(Z)-NH-SO₂-, -C(Z)-NH-SO₂-(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-S-(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-SO-(CH₂)_n-, -(CH₂)_n-SO₂-(CH₂)_n-, or -(CH₂)_n-CH=CH-(CH₂)_n-O-;

M³ is



and n is an integer from 0 to 3;

R₉ is selected from H, halogen, -CF₃, -OH, -COOH, -(CH₂)_n-COOH, -(CH₂)_n-C(O)-COOH, -C₁-C₆ alkyl, -O-C₁-C₆ alkyl, -NH(C₁-C₆ alkyl), or -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂;

n is an integer from 0 to 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.